

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

MODIFICATION OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 5-00-080
AND RESCISSION OF NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0080161
for
CITY OF TAFT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
KERN COUNTY

The City of Taft operates a 1.5 mgd Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) that treats municipal wastewater from the City of Taft, Taft Heights Sanitation District and Ford City Sanitation District. Discharge is to either a 135-acre disposal area, or to Sandy Creek, a water of the United States. The WWTF has not discharged to Sandy Creek since February 1996. The City has requested that the Regional Board remove the option to discharge to Sandy Creek from its Waste Discharge Requirements, as the disposal area can accommodate the full 1.5 mgd WWTF design flow. Regional Board staff is proposing adoption of a Special Order that will rescind the NPDES provisions of the Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 5-00-080 and continue to allow land disposal pursuant to the balance of the requirements therein. The Regional Board will consider the adoption of the special order at a **formal** public hearing concerning this matter during its meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 28 and 29 April 2005
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Dr #200
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Staff of the City of Taft
- Staff of Taft Heights Sanitation District
- Staff of Ford City Sanitation District

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **18 April 2005**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

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Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit such comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **18 April 2005**. Written testimony or comments submitted after **18 April 2005** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.¹

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair

Anyone having questions on the proposed City of Taft permit modification should contact Joseph Ernest at (559) 445-6083. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/tentative>. If you do not have Internet access, these documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

LOREN J. HARLOW, Assistant Executive Officer

16 March 2005

¹ This rule may be modified where a party demonstrates that compliance with the deadline would create a severe hardship.